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EXPANSION OF PROSPECT LAKE ELEMENTARY APPROVED

VICTORIA – The Province has approved an expansion of Prospect Lake elementary school in the Saanich school district, Saanich and North Islands MLA Murray Coell announced today.

"The addition of two new classrooms and a multi-purpose room is great news for the students, teachers and parents at Prospect Lake elementary," said Coell. "Not only will the new space increase student capacity at the school, it will help ensure there is enough space for elementary students in the Saanich area."

$1.9 million to fund the expansion will come from school board capital reserves. The two classrooms and multi-purpose room will increase the capacity of Prospect Lake elementary school from 150 students to 200 students.

"It's important for our children to have the best possible environment to learn in, and the expansion of Prospect Lake elementary matches that objective," said Education Minister Shirley Bond. "I'm pleased to see children in Saanich, and in fact children all over British Columbia, benefiting from new and renovated schools."

Construction on Prospect Lake elementary is slated to start in March and students should be in the new classrooms by January 2008.

The Province has invested $8 million in school capital projects in the Saanich school district since 2001, including additions and renovations to North Saanich middle and Parkland secondary. The district will also receive $2.3 million for seismic upgrades as part of the seismic mitigation program.

Since 2001, government has spent over $1 billion on 26 new schools, 31 replacements, 140 additions, 30 renovations and four seismic projects. By the end of 2008-09, the Province will have invested more than $2.8 billion in school capital and maintenance projects across British Columbia.

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